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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HAN ET AL.

Examiner

Paul D. Kim

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is a response to the restriction requirement filed on 9/13/2006.

Response to the Restriction Requirement

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1-4, in the reply filed on 9/13/2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the fields of search of Groups I, II and III are co-extensive. This is not found persuasive because each of the Groups I, II and III has different scope of invention such as Group I recited improving heat dissipation in a magnetic shield, but Group I is a method to form a magnetic shield and Group III is a method of manufacturing a magnetic read/write head. The methods of Groups I and II do not have to use to make the magnetic read/write head. In addition, Group I does not require a process of planarizing as recited in Group II and the patterned ferromagnetic is formed on the patterned thermally conductive layer and the dielectric layer, which does not recite in Group I.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore **made FINAL**.

2. Claims 5-35 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 9/13/2006.

Specification

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: --A METHOD TO IMPROVE HEAT DISSIPATION IN A MAGNETIC SHIELD--.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamakawa et al. (JP 405266434 A).

Hamakawa et al. teach a process of making a reproducing head including process of inserting a layer of non-magnetic material (20, Nb) having a thermal conductivity between a shield of ferromagnetic material (13) formed on a substrate (21) and splitting the shield into two opposing parts separated by a gap (11) as shown in Fig. 7(A) (see also abstract).

However, Hamakawa et al. fail to teach the non-magnetic material having the thermal conductivity greater than about 300 W/m.K and a thickness. At the time the invention was made, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art to apply the non-magnetic material having the thermal

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conductivity greater than about 300 W/m.K as recited in the claimed invention because one of ordinary skill in the art would have expected Applicant's invention to perform equally well with Hamakawa et al. because the non-magnetic material having the thermal conductivity as recited in the claimed invention would perform equally well such as thermal conduction with the non-magnetic material in Hamakawa et al. Therefore, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify the non-magnetic material having the thermal conductivity of Hamakawa et al. to obtain the invention as specified in claim 1. In addition, the thickness of the non-magnetic material would also have been an obvious matter of design choice to make a desired reproducing head of Hamakawa et al.

As per claim 4 the gap (W or 11 as shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 7A) is about 3 to 7 microns.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

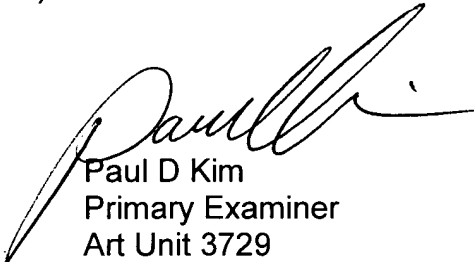
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-4565.

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The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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